








Rincon Mountain District (East)

Interpretive Program Schedule

December 3 – December 9, 2007



Monday, December 3	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Adaptations <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	11:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Strange Plants <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.
Tuesday, December 4	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Bird Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	8:30 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Bring your binoculars and favorite fieldguide as we search for birds in the Sonoran Desert.
Desert Morning Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	9:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
Desert Adaptations <i>30 minute garden walk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Wednesday, December 5	Time and Location	Program Description
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Thursday, December 6	Time and Location	Program Description
Prehistoric People in the Sonoran Desert <i>Patio Talk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Stop by the display table on the patio for an exploration into the prehistory of this area. Learn who lived here over 1000 years ago and what they used for food, clothing and shelter.
Friday, December 7	Time and Location	Program Description
Little House on the Desert <i>1 mile, 2 hour walk</i>	11:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join “Viola Freeman” on a one-mile, two-hour walk and find out what life was like here 75 years ago. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Advance registration is recommended and can be made by calling 733-5153.
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75th Anniversary Night Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile walk</i>	7:00 p.m. Meet at visitor center	Join a Park Ranger for this 2 hour hike through the Sonoran Desert at night and discover how important dark nights are to the plants and animals of Saguaro National Park. Bring water and a flashlight. Space is limited, so call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 to reserve your spot.
Saturday, December 8	Time and Location	Program Description
To Conserve the Scenery <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	National Parks are set aside for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, our parks and the resource in them are being threatened by outside forces. Join a park ranger for a one mile walk and discover what’s being done to “Save the Scenery”.
Sunday, December 9	Time and Location	Program Description
1933 to Today: Saguaro National Park <i>2 hour., 1 mile walk</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at visitor center	Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden for a walk back in time to learn how and why we now have a national park here.
Strange Plants <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.

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Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
(Mountain Standard Time)
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